

## Claims

- [c1] A centralized medical information system, said system comprising:
- a remote data center for storing medical content, said remote data center remotely accessible by a portal;
  - a portal capable of accessing said remote data center to retrieve said medical content; and
  - a portal/data center connection allowing communication between said portal and said remote data center.
- [c2] The system of claim 1, wherein said portal is accessible via a web browser.
- [c3] The system of claim 1, wherein said portal comprises a web site.
- [c4] The system of claim 1, wherein said remote data center comprises a web server.
- [c5] The system of claim 1, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.
- [c6] The system of claim 1, wherein said remote data center comprises an application service provider.
- [c7] The system of claim 1, wherein said portal allows said medical content to be stored at said remote data center.
- [c8] The system of claim 1, further comprising a web browser capable of accessing said portal.
- [c9] The system of claim 1, further comprising an external access connection for storing said medical content at said remote data center.
- [c10] The system of claim 1, further comprising an authentication unit for authorizing access to said remote data center.
- [c11] The system of claim 1, further comprising an authentication unit for authorizing access to said portal.

- [c12] The system of claim 1, wherein said remote data center further stores medical services.
- [c13] The system of claim 1, wherein said portal further allows access to medical services.
- [c14] A method for accessing medical content, said method comprising:  
accessing a portal;  
requesting said medical content via said portal; and  
retrieving said medical content from a remote data center.
- [c15] The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of displaying said medical content via said portal.
- [c16] The method of claim 14, wherein said data center comprises an application service provider.
- [c17] The method of claim 14, wherein said portal comprises a web site.
- [c18] The method of claim 14, wherein said portal comprises at least one link to said medical content.
- [c19] The method of claim 18, wherein said step of requesting comprises selecting one of said at least one link at said portal.
- [c20] The method of claim 14, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.
- [c21] The method of claim 14, wherein said step of accessing a portal further comprises accessing a portal via a web browser.
- [c22] The method of claim 14, wherein said accessing step further comprises authenticating said access to said portal.
- [c23] The method of claim 14, wherein said retrieving step further comprises authenticating said retrieval of said medical content from said remote data center.

- [c24] The method of claim 14, further comprising:
- requesting medical services via said portal;
  - accessing said medical services via said remote data center; and
  - activating said medical services via said portal.
- [c25] An information portal, said portal comprising:
- a web site for accessing medical content, said web site providing access to a remote data center storing said medical content.
- [c26] The portal of claim 25, further comprising a web browser for viewing said web site.
- [c27] The portal of claim 25, further comprising a portal/data center connection allowing communication between said web site and said remote data center.
- [c28] The portal of claim 25, wherein said remote data center comprises a web server.
- [c29] The portal of claim 25, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.
- [c30] The portal of claim 25, wherein said remote data center comprises an application service provider.
- [c31] The portal of claim 25, further comprising an authentication unit for authorizing access to said web site.
- [c32] The portal of claim 25, further comprising an authentication unit for authorizing access to said remote data center.
- [c33] The portal of claim 25, wherein said web site further provides access to medical services at said remote data center.
- [c34] A method for storing medical content at a remote data center, said method comprising:
- accessing said remote data center via an external access connection;
  - and

storing said medical content at said remote data center.

- [c35] The method of claim 34, wherein said storing step further comprises authenticating said storing of said medical content at said remote data center.
- [c36] The method of claim 34, wherein said remote data center comprises an application service provider.
- [c37] The method of claim 34, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.
- [c38] The method of claim 34, further comprising:  
accessing a portal to request said medical content from said remote data center; and  
retrieving said medical content from said remote data center.
- [c39] The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of displaying said medical content via said portal.
- [c40] The method of claim 38, wherein said portal comprises a web site.
- [c41] The method of claim 38, wherein said portal comprises at least one link to said medical content.
- [c42] The method of claim 38, wherein said step of accessing said portal comprises selecting one of said at least one link at said portal.
- [c43] The method of claim 38, wherein said step of accessing a portal further comprises accessing a portal via a web browser.
- [c44] The method of claim 38, wherein said accessing step further comprises authenticating said access to said portal.
- [c45] The method of claim 38, wherein said retrieving step further comprises authenticating said retrieving said medical content from said remote data center.

- [c46] The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of updating a portal capable of accessing said medical content at said data center to reflect said storing of said medical content at said data center.
- [c47] The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of storing medical services at said remote data center.
- [c48] 48. A centralized medical information system, said system comprising:  
a remote data center for storing medical content and medical services, said remote data center remotely accessible by a portal;  
a portal capable of accessing said remote data center to retrieve said medical content and medical services; and  
a portal/data center connection allowing communication between said portal and said remote data center.
- [c49] A web based centralized medical information system, said system comprising:  
a remote data center for storing medical content, said remote data center having a web server, said web server remotely accessible by a web site; and  
a web site capable of accessing said web server to retrieve said medical content.
- [c50] The system of claim 49, wherein said remote data center stores medical services.
- [c51] The system of claim 49, wherein said web site is capable of accessing said web server to retrieve medical services.